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SENATE BILL 205

48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2008

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO THE LEGISLATURE; REQUIRING CONFERENCE COMMITTEES TO
BE PUBLIC MEETINGS; PROVIDING FOR PROPORTIONATE MEMBERSHIP ON
CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 10-15-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1974,
Chapter 91, Section 2) is amended to read:

"10-15-2. STATE LEGISLATURE--MEETINGS.--

A. All meetings of a quorum of members of any
committee or policymaking body of the [~~state~~] legislature held
for the purpose of discussing public business or for the
purpose of taking any action within the authority of or the
delegated authority of [~~such~~] the committee or body are
declared to be public meetings open to the public at all times.
Reasonable notice of meetings shall be given to the public by

underscored material = new
[bracketed material] = delete

1 publication in the daily calendars or by the presiding officer
2 in each house at the time the meeting is scheduled.

3 B. The provisions of Subsection A of this section
4 [~~shall~~] do not apply to matters relating to personnel or
5 matters adjudicatory in nature [or any bill, resolution or
6 other legislative matter not yet presented to either house of
7 the legislature or general appropriation bills].

8 C. Conference committees shall:

9 (1) consist of a proportionate membership from
10 the majority and minority parties, provided that there shall be
11 at least one member from each minority party;

12 (2) not be subject to the provisions of
13 Section 10-15-3 NMSA 1978; and

14 (3) be open to the public for public
15 observation but not for public participation.

16 [~~G.~~] D. For the purposes of this section, "meeting"
17 means a gathering of the members called by the presiding
18 officer of a standing committee or a conference committee."